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Human rights questions: report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the Third Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Human rights questions", the sub-item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Third Committee considered the sub-item at its 37th to 48th and 62nd meetings, from 10 to 14 and on 17 November and 1 December 2003. At its 37th to 48th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on sub-item 117 (e) jointly with sub-items (b) and (c). An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/58/SR.37-48 and 62).

3. For the documents before the Committee under this sub-item, see A/58/508.

4. At the 37th meeting, on 10 November, the acting United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement. The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the acting High Commissioner in which the delegations of Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Italy, Pakistan, Tunisia, Japan, Cuba and Algeria took part (see A/C.3/58/SR.37).

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in six parts, under the symbol A/58/508 and Add.1-5.

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II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

5. At its 62nd meeting, on 1 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights[1] (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

6. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[1]

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/58/36).